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This letter is in support of the settlement of the case of Microsoft and the Department of Justice.

The case was brought about by the Justice Department at the egging on of Microsoft's competitors. Throughout the case we have seen these proceedings aiming to benefit Microsoft's competitors rather than consumers.

In the settlement, Microsoft agreed to take steps to give computer makers more freedom to feature rival software on their machines. This is what Microsoft's competitors have been bellyaching about. After years of frivolous litigation, the Department of Justice finally asserts that the terms of that settlement are strong enough to stop the company's so-called "monopolistic" practices.

Finally after months of negotiations, mediators etc...everyone seems to be in agreement. For the benefit of the economy, the technology sector and the marketplace, please approve the proposed settlement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul A. Young".

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